Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2011/07/27: CIA-RDP80-00809A000600050368-9 CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT COUNTRY DATE DISTR. 30 Mar 1954 USSR (Latvia) **SUBJECT** Area Description - Balovi NO. OF PAGES 3 PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. 25X1 ACQUIRED DATE ACQUIRED BY SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. DATE OF INFORMATION 25X1 THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 25X1 Balovi is located at approximately 56°30'N 27°E, about 250 kilometers east of Riga from 1920 to mid-1943. Balovi had a population of about 1500 in 1943. There were about 15 stores in town selling such things as clothing, bicycles, medicine, and geoceries. Viliaka had a population of about 750 people and only one or two stores. 2. Enclosure A is a sketch of the area near Balovi. The distances shown are from (X) to (X). The main road from Balovi to Viliaka and to Lindovo is mostly gravelled and is from 18 to 20 feet wide. The other roads shown are little more than cart paths, and any powered vehicle but a tractor could 25X1 travel on them. The railroad shown is single tracked. approximately 50% of the area shown on Euclosure A is covered by forests. Originally, the whole area was covered by trees, but the pioneers cut out sections for their farms. The trees are pine, elm, birch, oak, and some nut trees. The forests are not impenetrable. Paths are not necessary as one can easily travel in any direction through them. The entire area is quite flat. 4. The average farmer has about 10 people in his household and farms an area about 0.5 kilometer square. In 1943 a farmer would have about 10 cows, five sheep, 25X1 two or three pigs, chickens, goese and one horse. He grew potatoes, wheat, clover, peas and other vegetables. In the area bounded by Balovi, Viliaka and 25X1 "A" there were about 30 farms, two or three tractors and two or three respers. In 1943 approximately 40% of the people were of Soviet origin, 58% of Latvien crigin and two percent of other origin. Everybody intensely disliked the Communists and Communism. 5. The annotations on Enclosure A refer as follows - -(1) Ecspital, a two-story wood building having about 25 beds Steem powered flour mill and electric power house one type coles along south side of road. Two wires were Tele cerried by the poles.

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